

Daily Report - Yosemite National Park

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

Weather

Yosemite: TODAY...SUNNY. NOT AS COLD. HIGHS 36 TO 46 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY... 27 TO 35 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY.

TONIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. BREEZY. LOWS 20 TO 30 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY... 5 TO 15 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY.

WEDNESDAY...MOSTLY SUNNY. WINDY. HIGHS 38 TO 48 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY...30 TO 36 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 21 TO 31 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY... 10 TO 20 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY.

THURSDAY...MOSTLY SUNNY. WINDY. NOT AS COOL. HIGHS 43 TO 53 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY...37 TO 43 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY.

El Portal: Today: Sunny, with a high near 51. East southeast wind between 6 and 9 mph becoming calm.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25. Calm wind becoming east around 5 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 53. East wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27. Calm wind becoming east southeast between 4 and 7 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 57. East wind at 5 mph becoming southwest.

Happening Today/This Week(Check the Community News section for other events)

The NPS Social Science Program is conducting the Yosemite Winter Visitor Study from Saturday, February 2nd through Sunday, February 10th. Interviewers will be set up by entrance stations at Arch Rock, Hetch Hetchy, and Big Oak Flat. Another interviewer will be stationed at a pullout between the South Entrance and Wawona. All interviewers will be asking randomly selected vehicles to pull over to voluntarily participate in a mailback survey regarding their stay in the park. For more information on this study, please contact Bret Meldrum at (209)379-1216 or Bret_Meldrum@nps.gov. (B. Meldrum - 2/4/08)

Farewell Party for Steve Quimby - Steve has been a Project Manager in Project Management Division for two years. However, he is leaving us for better beaches with the Navy in Key West, Florida! Please join us in saying good-bye on February 5th at 3:00 pm in Project Management's conference room. Desserts and appetizers will be provided. (T. Radmacher - 2/4/08)

Wawona Ranger Clair Roberts is retiring on January 31, 2008. Come join the celebration of Clair's ranger career on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the Superintendent's House (behind the Valley Clinic). Please call the Wawona District Office at 375-9520 with any questions. (M. Dowdle - 1/30/08)

RESCHEDULED-PLANNED ELECTRIC SERVICE INTERRUPTION - PG&E will be temporarily interrupting your electric service in order to safely perform the following work in your area: **REPLACE ELECTRIC POLES - MANZANITA DRIVE - EL PORTAL THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 2008 FROM 0800-1630.** Please note that ONLY the location being notified within the following vicinity will be affected: El Portal 95318. For additional information regarding this electrical outage, please contact: PG&E Yosemite Area (209) 726-5588, Planned Outage Coordinator (K. Bablitch - 1/28/08)

The next **El Portal Travel Series** takes you to China! Join us on Tuesday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clark Community Hall for:

Lissie Kretsch – “The Challenge of China – Working, Traveling, and communicating in Chinese National Parks.”

As a guest of the Chinese National Park Service, Lissie traveled to the eastern edge of the Tibetan plateau in Sichuan province. Here she spent four months working in Juizhaigou, one of Yosemite's two Chinese "sister parks," developing environmental education programs. Her solo adventure and total immersion in a radically different language and culture offered many challenges, but also presented opportunities for personal and professional growth. Highlights included exploring spectacular Juizhaigou National Park, experiencing the dramatic turning of the seasons, and a month of traveling through Yunnan, Beijing, Shanghai, and Hong Kong.(J. Bacon - 1/31/08)

New Today

Please join Employee Recreation Team at the Loft for the following:

Monday, Feb 4th - Pool Tournament starts at 8PM

Wednesday, Feb 6th - Family Night & Bingo starting at 5:30PM

Thursday, Feb 7th - Card Game night

Friday, Feb 8th - Music with DJ Bruce Davis starts at 9PM *FREE*

Saturday, Feb 9th - Live Music with "The Trespasser's - Cover Charge \$3, must have photo ID and no packs

Call the Wellness Center with any questions at 372-8803 (Y. Cheley - 2/5/08)

Construction News

Reconstruct El Portal Road at the "Narrows" (a 1/4 mile section of road upstream of the Big Oak Flat Road (with connections to Highway 120)/El Portal Road intersection) Please note the following update on the contractor's construction schedule for the El Portal Road reconstruction at the "narrows":

- This project has the following traffic impacts:

Monday through Saturday – 30 minute delays from 6:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.

When traffic lights are in use during non-work hours there will be a 7 minute+- wait time.

The contractor will not be working nights for the next 2 weeks.

Call 372-0200.1.1.2 for last minute updates on the status of the closure/opening of this road.(G. Rothell - 1/31/08)

Crane Creek Bridge at Foresta

Construction is expected to occur in February 2008.

Tunnel View

Construction Documents are in review.

North and Southside Drive

2-way traffic is continuing on Southside Drive between Sentinel Drive and Pohono Bridge and crews are continuing to place culverts on Northside Drive.

Wawona Tunnel Repairs

As soon as the weather breaks, there will be one night of traffic delays to complete the tunnel cleaning--less than 5-minute delays. Design review is ongoing.

Big Oak Flat Slide Repair & Remaining Chip Seal Work (Foresta Road to Tioga Road Intersections)

Work will not start until weather permits.

Yosemite Creek Pedestrian Bridge Replacement

Anticipate Construction of the new bridge to start in early March 2008. Anticipate 1-month to complete construction of the bridge.

Valley Trail Paving

Work will not start until weather permits. (M. Pieper/G. Rothell - 2/4/08)

Park News

Yosemite National Park Welcomes Malidoma Patrice Some, PhD. for Black History Month Celebration

Public Invited to Free February 6th Event at the El Portal Community Hall, Dinner at 6:30, Presentation at 7:00pm

The National Park Service Equal Opportunity Committee (E.O.C.), the Yosemite Institute, Balanced Rock Foundation, the Greater Good project, and Ron Kauk are pleased to present Malidoma Patrice Some, PhD, author, elder, diviner, and master drummer, in honor of Black History Month.

The public is invited to join Malidoma to learn about the ancient wisdom and practices of the Dagara Tribe from West Central Africa, and to hear the music of a Master Drummer. Malidoma Patrice Some, Ph.D., will speak in honor of Black History Month. As a representative of his village in Burkina Faso, West Africa, and an initiated Elder, Malidoma Patrice Some has come to the west to share the ancient wisdom and practices which have supported his people for thousands of years. Malidoma holds three Master's degrees and two PhD's from the Sorbonne and Brandeis University. He has also taught at the University of Michigan.

Park Ranger Shelton Johnson, of Yosemite National Park's Equal Opportunity Committee said today: "Dr. Some's life is the embodiment of a spiritual homecoming to that ancient world within which he is now an Elder. I'm thrilled that he will be coming to Yosemite National Park to speak."

Presentation will occur at the El Portal Community Hall on Wednesday, February 6th at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. **Come and enjoy a light meal of soup and bread, refreshments and baked goods sold by the Greater Good Project.** Dr. Some lectures and gives workshops throughout the U.S., Europe, and Africa.

For more information please contact Park Ranger Shelton Johnson of the E.O.C. at 209/372-0645. (S. Johnson - 1/31/08)

Dine at the Mailidoma Presentation: Fresh soup with vegetable garnish and home made bread (all items organic) will be available for \$7.00 at the El Portal Community Hall starting at 6:30 pm to compliment the Malidoma presentation on February 6th. Also available are delicious baked goods and tea service (bring your own mug). (V. McMichael - 2/1/08)

Yosemite News Release

January 28, 2008

For Immediate Release

Yosemite National Park Managers Invite Public to Tuolumne Planning Workshop in Yosemite Valley

On February 9, 2008 from 9:30am to 2:30pm in the Valley Visitor Center Auditorium the National Park Service in Yosemite will host the next in its ongoing series of public planning workshops in support of the Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan (Tuolumne River Plan).

The purpose of the workshop is to share with the public how the park planning team develops indicators of river health and quality visitor experiences for the Tuolumne River Plan. Future indicators will be included as part of the monitoring program to ensure the protection of river values in the 54 miles of the Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River corridor that flows through Yosemite National Park.

The workshop series began in early 2007 and is intended to provide members of the public with an opportunity to discuss

and understand elements of the Tuolumne River Plan as it is being developed. The draft Tuolumne River Plan/Tuolumne Meadows Plan and Environmental Impact Statement is expected to be released for public comment in the summer of 2009.

RSVP to Kristina Rylands by calling 209/379-1175 or by email to kristina_rylands@nps.gov.

Details regarding this and future Tuolumne planning workshops will be posted to the park's website at www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/trp.htm.

Visitors attending the workshop will have the park entrance fee waived.

For more information on this and other Yosemite projects, visit online at www.nps.gov/yose/planning. (-NPS-)

Yosemite News Release

January 3, 2008

For Immediate Release

Yosemite National Park Announces Opening of Public Scoping for Vogelsang Backcountry Utilities Improvement Project

Project will be accompanied by an Environmental Assessment (EA) that analyzes the environmental effects of a range of project alternatives

The purpose of the Vogelsang Backcountry Utility Improvement project is to address public health and safety issues and utility deficiencies at the Vogelsang High Sierra Camp (VHSC) and the Backpacker's Camp. The deficiencies exist for a variety of reasons including new state and federal regulatory requirements, age, and deterioration of existing facilities. The camp's water supply comes from an underground spring which has been used since the camp opened in 1923. The current water supply system was built in 1963 and the wastewater system was replaced in 1987. The composting toilet at the Backpacker's Camp was constructed in 1984 as an experiment and has been closed since 2004 due to extensive damage caused by marmots.

The water supply and wastewater system upgrades would incorporate measures to comply with both state and National Park Service regulations. The water supply component of this project may involve adding filtration and disinfection to the water supply and repairing or replacing the water storage tank. The wastewater component of this project may involve addressing grease build-up in the septic tank, fixing or replacing the dosing tank, and repairing the mound system or switching to chlorination and a spray field, and would explore grading and revegetation of the mound. Additionally, this project may involve replacing or removing the Backpacker's Camp composting toilet, removing facilities that are no longer in use, adding stock hitching poles to the backcountry utilities staging area, and restoring social trails.

Scoping is an opportunity early in the planning process for the public to suggest issues to be considered in the proposed project. Ideas and concerns from the public help to identify the range of issues that should be addressed in this planning effort. During scoping, the National Park Service mission, Yosemite's enabling legislation, and other relevant laws and policies are revisited to ensure any potential actions are consistent with all relevant guidance.

The public scoping process for this project will open on Tuesday, January 15 2008, and will be open until February 13, 2008. A link to project information will be posted on the park's website at www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/vogelsang.htm. A public meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the monthly Open House in the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Auditorium.

Written scoping comments should be postmarked no later than February 15, 2008. Comments can be submitted at public meetings, by mail, fax, email, and through the Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) commenting system. A draft document will be available for public review in summer 2008. To request a hard copy or CD ROM version of the EA and to submit written comments:

Mail: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park
Attn: Vogelsang Backcountry Utilities Improvement Project
PO Box 577
Yosemite, CA 95389
Fax: 209/379-1294
Email: YOSE_planning@nps.gov
PEPC: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>

For more information on park planning efforts, visit the website at www.nps.gov/yose/planning. (-NPS-)

You are invited to attend a User Capacity Symposium at Yosemite National Park

Yosemite National Park is hosting a User Capacity Symposium on February 6-8, 2008 in Yosemite Valley. The symposium will be facilitated by a neutral party, Mary Orton from The Mary Orton Company, LLC (www.maryorton.com), an environmental and public policy mediation and facilitation firm. Approximately 150 people from across the country are expected to attend. The public is welcome and invited to attend.

RSVP is required by February 1, 2008 to Jim Bacon by email to jim_bacon@nps.gov or by phone at 209/379-1067.

The purpose of the symposium is to further the understanding of and explore approaches to addressing user capacity in national parks and other public lands including Yosemite National Park, by engaging public land managers, researchers, elected officials, tribes, and the general public in an open dialogue.

The objectives of the symposium are to:

Understand why planning and managing user capacity is important.

Build a common understanding and language for the range of user capacity approaches.

Explore current perspectives on and approaches to addressing user capacity.

Identify and understand the effectiveness and consequences of different management strategies addressing user capacity.

Explore the application and implications of different user capacity strategies in Yosemite.

An expert panel will present on

History and context of user capacity

Approaches to user capacity

Case studies from the Colorado River through Grand Canyon, Inyo National Forest, and Wild and Scenic Rivers across the country

Confirmed Presenters:

Dr. David Cole, Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute

Dr. Glenn Haas, Aukerman, Haas and Associates

Linda Jalbert, Grand Canyon National Park

Bob Lamb, ORCA Consulting

Dr. Bob Manning, University of Vermont

Gary Oye, Inyo National Forest

Dr. Tony Prato, University of Missouri – Columbia

Al Shacklett, ORCA Consulting

Dr. Bo Shelby, Oregon State University

Dr. Doug Whittaker, Confluence Research and Consulting

In addition to presentations, roundtable conversations will allow for input, ideas, and questions from and with all symposium participants. This will be a unique opportunity to expand your knowledge about user capacity through presentations by experts, and dialogue with researchers, local stakeholders, and land managers from around the country.

Dates: February 6 - 8, 2008

Location: Yosemite Lodge, Cliff Room

Yosemite National Park, CA

Please note that lunch is not included

Agenda: **DAY1:** Wednesday, February 6

9:00am – 5:00pm

Facilitated session

DAY 2: Thursday, February 7

9:00am – 5:00pm

Facilitated session

DAY 3: Friday, February 8

9:00am – 12:00pm

Field trip in Yosemite Valley

Contact: RSVP by February 1, 2008 to

Jim Bacon, Planner, Yosemite National Park

Phone: (209) 379-1067

Email: jim_bacon@nps.gov

www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/symposium.htm (J. Bacon - 1/25/08)

Announcements

SAVE THE DATE! Merced River Plan Public Planning Workshop: Saturday, February 23, 2008

Please join Yosemite National Park for the second Public Planning Workshop devoted to creating a new Merced River Plan. This public workshop will present the DRAFT Outstandingly Remarkable Values (ORV) of the river corridor, and participants will be asked to join in an exercise focusing on Desired Conditions (the future conditions to be achieved) for the ORVs.

The Draft ORV Report will be available online beginning Tuesday, February 5, 2008 on the park's website at www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/newmrp.htm. Additional workshop materials will be available online prior to the workshop.

Please RSVP to Elexis Mayer by phone at 209/379-1377 or by email: elexis_mayer@nps.gov, no later than Wednesday, February 20, 2008. (E. Mayer - 2/4/08)

Selection of GS5 Administrative Support Assistant: M. G. Thornley

I am pleased to announce that Mitzi Thornley has just accepted a permanent GS5 Administrative Support Assistant position with the Division of Resources Management and Science. Mitzi has more than 20 years of collective experience in Administrative Support positions, including five years here in Yosemite National Park. Mitzi has a wide breadth of experience in the park and has worked as a term or seasonal employee for the Divisions of Project Management, Business and Revenue Management, Administration, and most recently Resources Management and Science.

Please join me in congratulating Mitzi on her new permanent position. (N. Nicholas - 2/4/08)

THE TSP WILL SOON IMPLEMENT RESTRICTIONS ON INTERFUND TRANSFERS! As a result of some TSP participants engaging in excessive trading, the TSP will soon limit (TSP) the number of interfund transfers a participant can make each month. For more information go <http://tsp.gov/faq/faq14.html> (T. Barton - 2/4/08)

The park's Completion Reports from 1914 until 1995 are now available to all Yosemite National Park staff in digital form. They are available on YOSEnet under News, Weather & Information. The park's Completion Reports are multipurpose documents designed to report the total cost and use of appropriated funds and other resources for large scale projects. Many are supplemented with photos. (N. Nicholas - 2/1/08)

Superintendent's Compendium - The compendium is now available on the web at <http://www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/lawsandpolicies.htm> and (at the bottom of) <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm>*****

Hazardous Material, FRO refresher Training

February 12th. 0900 -1600 - Valley SAR Training Rm

Contact Aaron Woods 373 0416/Jeff Panetta 375 9515 (J. Panetta - 1/31/08)

Due to a minor collapse in the pedestrian tunnel at Hetch Hetchy, the trail to Wapama and Tueealala Falls will be inaccessible from O'Shaughnessy Dam until further notice. Crews from Hetch Hetchy Water & Power and the NPS are working together to monitor the area and safely address the situation. Access to the tunnel will be restored as soon as possible. (J. Treutelaar - 1/16/08)

Tree failure advisory: Additional snow will result in additional tree failures, sometimes in developed areas. Please be aware of your surroundings during and after winter storms. Parking under that big tree may mean less window scraping--and it may mean your car gets smashed! For additional information about tree hazards and tree hazard management in Yosemite National Park please go to the following URL: http://www.nps.gov/archive/yose/nature/veg_hazards.htm (B. Mattos - 1/25/08)

We are pleased to be offering a Resource Advisor Course here at Yosemite May 6th and 7th, 2008!

DESCRIPTION: This course is intended to provide employees with the background to serve as Resource Advisors (READ) during fire management actions. Resource Advisors generally work with fire managers to convey concerns about natural, cultural and wilderness resources. The course will focus on issues and challenges of the Central Sierra region, but will provide participants with strategies and tools that can be applied anywhere. Information will be presented in sufficient detail to serve as a refresher for present resource advisors and general enough to be useful for those who have never served in this capacity.

PARTICIPANTS: Employees that frequently serve as resource advisors include fire managers, botanists, ecologists, biologists, hydrologists, geologists, foresters, GIS specialists and cultural resource specialists. The local Fire Management Officer (FMO) will determine qualifications for the resource advisor position. A fireline-qualified Resource Advisor however, will hold a valid Red Card and pass the physical test at the arduous level. The local FMO will authorize the inclusion of "READ" as a qualification on the Red Card. Completion of these tasks is not required prior to participating in this course. The course is also valuable for those managing resources on public lands, but with no interest in serving as resource advisors, to become familiar with fire management organization and the types and formats of resources data that benefit the resource advisor during the course of his or her duties.

While the course has no tuition fee, the participant's home unit(s) must cover travel expenses.

COURSE DATES AND LOCATION: The course will be held from May 6th and 7th, 2008, in El Portal, California, near Yosemite National Park.

APPLICATION: All interested persons should e-mail Jun Kinoshita, (jun_r_kinoshita@nps.gov), or 209.379.1317 or Kent van Wagtendonk (kent_van_wagtendonk@nps.gov) at 209.379.1046. (J. Kinoshita - 12/12/07)

Leave Share Participants

Currently, YOSE leave share participants are:

Shari Baudoux

Kevin Bowman

Kimberly Cunningham-Summerfield

You can find leave share participants Servicewide on InsideNPS at:

<http://insidenps.gov/index.cfm?handler=leaveshare>

If you are interested in contributing annual leave, please do so by completing a Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient (Within Agency) Under the Leave Transfer Program, OPM Form 630-A. A fillable PDF version of the OPM 630-A may be found at:

http://opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/opm630a.pdf (T. Hawkins - 1/31/07)

Reminder: For **all Maintenance repair** requests in Yosemite, please contact the **Customer Service Center**. Maintenance repair requests include: Park Housing, Buildings, Grounds, Utilities, Roads, Trails and Forestry issues. It is especially important to remember to contact the Customer Service Center before any requests for Sign Shop fabrications. You may do so by phone, e-mail or fax.

Please note that the Customer Service Center staff phone numbers have changed:

Phone:

Sunshine Good Morning.....379-1065
Katie Brown.....379-1058
Tiffany Jordan.....379-1210

E-Mail:
YOSE_FMD_Customer_Service_Center@nps.gov

Fax:
(209) 379-1066 (S. Goodmorning - 11/6/07)

HR Corner

DETAIL/ TEMPORARY PROMOTION OPPORTUNITY - The Business and Revenue Management Division, is looking for a permanent career or career-conditional Yosemite National Park employee interested in a 120 day detail or temporary promotion (if qualified) to the position of Volunteer Program Manager, GS-0301-09.

Would you like an exciting opportunity to manage the parkwide Volunteer-In-Parks program? Selectee will meet with Park staff to identify project needs, coordinate/assign volunteers, track fiscal accounts, and communicate with volunteer organizations/groups.

If interested, please submit a resume to Irma Keheley in Human Resources Office, El Portal. Resumes must be received by February 7, 2008 to receive consideration. (I. Keheley - 2/1/08)

Yosemite National Park

Current Vacancy Announcements

UPDATED: January 30, 2008

The following is a summary of current vacancy announcements at Yosemite National Park. Most vacancy announcements will be posted on <http://www.usajobs.gov>. This website is the Office of Personnel Management's USAJOBS internet site. If you have any questions or cannot find the announcement on USAJOBS, please call Yosemite National Park's Human Resources Office at (209) 379-1805.

Links to all NPS fire jobs posted daily on USAJOBS are being copied to the NPS FIRENET web site. This effort will enable folks to view fire vacancies in one place, rather than having to call individual parks. If you want to peek at the web site and jobs posted, click on the following link: http://www.nps.gov/fire/employment/emp_jobsearch.cfm

PERMANENT - GOVERNMENTWIDE ALL CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES

Position: Ecologist (Prescribed Fire), GS-0408-09/11
Vacancy Announcement: YP156305
Closing Date: 02/21/08

This position is located in the Division of Visitor and Resource Protection, Fire and Aviation Management Branch, Wawona. Please obtain a copy of the announcement and follow application procedures. Applications must be received by the closing date of the vacancy announcement to receive consideration.

PERMANENT -- STATUS NOT REQUIRED - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Position: Social Science Program Manager, GS-0101-11/12
Vacancy Announcement: YP155628
Closing Date: 02/15/08

These positions are located in the Division of Resource Management & Science, El Portal. Please obtain a copy of the

announcement and follow application procedures. Applications must be received by the closing date of the vacancy announcement to receive consideration.

Position: Ecologist (Prescribed Fire), GS-0408-09/11
Vacancy Announcement: YP156304
Closing Date: 02/21/08

This position is located in the Division of Visitor and Resource Protection, Fire and Aviation Management Branch, Wawona. Please obtain a copy of the announcement and follow application procedures. Applications must be received by the closing date of the vacancy announcement to receive consideration.

TEMPORARY - STATUS NOT REQUIRED -- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Position: *Park Ranger (LE-Wilderness), GS-0025-07
Vacancy Announcement: SR171391
Closing Date: 02/12/08

These positions are located in the Division of Visitor and Resource Protection, Wilderness Branch, Yosemite Valley, CA. Please obtain a copy of the announcement and follow application procedures. Applications must be received by the closing date of the vacancy announcement to receive consideration.

Position: *Park Ranger (LE-Wilderness), GS-0025-05
Vacancy Announcement: SR171428
Closing Date: 02/12/08

These positions are located in the Division of Visitor and Resource Protection, Wilderness Branch, Yosemite Valley, CA. Please obtain a copy of the announcement and follow application procedures. Applications must be received by the closing date of the vacancy announcement to receive consideration.

Position: Horse Handler, WG-5001-05
Vacancy Announcement: YP165318
Closing Date: 02/14/08

These positions are located in the Division of Facilities Management, Roads and Trails Branch, Corral Operations, Yosemite Valley. Please obtain a copy of the announcement and follow application procedures. Applications must be received by the closing date of the vacancy announcement to receive consideration.

Position: Animal Caretaker, WG-5048-08
Vacancy Announcement: YP165208
Closing Date: 02/14/08

These positions are located in the Division of Facilities Management, Roads and Trails Branch, Corral Operations, Yosemite Valley. Please obtain a copy of the announcement and follow application procedures. Applications must be received by the closing date of the vacancy announcement to receive consideration.

Position: Physical Science Technician, GS-1311-04 or 05 or 06
Vacancy Announcement: YP168883
Closing Date: 02/05/08

These positions are located in the Division of Resource Management & Science, Physical Science and Geographic Information Systems Branch, El Portal. Please obtain a copy of the announcement and follow application procedures. Applications must be received by the closing date of the vacancy announcement to receive consideration.

Position: Landscape Architect (Historical), GS-0807-07

Vacancy Announcement: YP168892

Closing Date: 02/05/08

These positions are located in the Division of Resource Management & Science, History, Architecture and Landscapes Branch, El Portal. Please obtain a copy of the announcement and follow application procedures. Applications must be received by the closing date of the vacancy announcement to receive consideration.

Position: Archeologist, GS-0193-09

Vacancy Announcement: YP168792

Closing Date: 02/11/08

These positions are located in the Division of Resource Management & Science, Archeology and Anthropology Branch, El Portal. Please obtain a copy of the announcement and follow application procedures. Applications must be received by the closing date of the vacancy announcement to receive consideration.

Position: Wildland Firefighter (Forestry Aid/Technician), GS-0462-02/03/04/05

Vacancy Announcement: DOI-FIRE-2008-006

FIRST CUT OFF: 01-10-08

Closing Date: 04-30-08

These positions are located in the Division of Protection, Fire Management Branch at various park locations. Please obtain a copy of the announcement and follow application procedures. Applications must be received by the closing date of the vacancy announcement to receive consideration. (I. Keheley - 1/31/08)

ANN. #: 0808-GOGA(DE)Permanent

Park Ranger (Community Outreach Specialist), GS-0025-11/12

Full-time, Permanent position. This position is located in the Division of Interpretation

This position is also being announced under Merit Promotion announcement #0808-GOGA(MP)Permanent. If you would like to be considered under both announcements you must submit two applications, one under each announcement number. See 'Who May Be Considered' for eligibility requirements.

Who May Be Considered: Applications will be accepted from United States citizens and nationals.

Closing Date: February 20, 2008

ANN. #: 0808-GOGA(MP)Permanent

Park Ranger (Community Outreach Specialist), GS-0025-11/12

Full-time, Permanent position. This position is located in the Division of Interpretation

This position is also being announced under Delegated Examination announcement #0808-GOGA(DE)Permanent. If you would like to be considered under both announcements you must submit two applications, one under each announcement number. See 'Who May Be Considered' for eligibility requirements.

Who May Be Considered: Applications will be accepted from current and former permanent competitive service Federal employee, and people eligible under special hiring authorities.

Closing Date: February 20, 2008 (H. Whitman - 1/31/08)

Community News

February 3rd-9th, YNP and Yosemite Institute will be hosting these fine groups:

All Saint's Episcopal Day School, Carmel, 8th grade

Almaden Country School, San Jose, 6th grade

Campolindo High School, Moraga, 11th & 12th grades

Claire Lilienthal School, San Francisco, 7th grade

Sonoma Charter School, Sonoma, 7th grade

South Valley Middle School, Gilroy, 7th & 8th grades

St. Francis Solano, Sonoma, 8th grade

Mariposa Middle School, Mariposa, 8th grade

Beijing High School No.4, China, 7th – 12th grades

If you are a graduate of any of the schools or have any other connection to the school or neighborhood, and you have any interest in speaking informally with students from one of these schools, please contact John DiDiego at 379-9514 ext 12, or jdiediego@yni.org to arrange a time and place. (C. Hastings - 2/4/08)

Nominations are now being accepted for The Yosemite Fund Award. The Yosemite Fund Award was created in 1991 to recognize annually the efforts of an individual in the Yosemite Community who has done exemplary work to significantly enhance the value of Yosemite National Park or the visitor experience.

A committee composed of members of the Fund and its staff reviews nominations and recommends an individual to the Fund Board of Trustees and Council for approval. A winner will be announced in April. The recipient is awarded a certificate of commendation and \$2,500.

A one page nomination should include: the nominee's name and contact information (phone, mailing address and email), reasons for nomination, a list of the nominee's accomplishments as well as the nominator's name and contact information (phone, mailing address and email).

When nominating an individual, please remember the following guidelines: The nominee must be a member of the Yosemite Community, must not have previously received the award, and must be living. The award is made to a single individual and members of the Award Committee and the Yosemite Fund Staff are not eligible. If the nominee's contribution is performed on the job, his or her efforts must be above and beyond what is required by that job.

The nominee's information requested above should be submitted in writing to Brian Thysell, The Yosemite Fund, 155 Montgomery St., Suite 1104, San Francisco, CA 94104, or by faxing to (415) 434- 0745, or by emailing to brian@yosemitefund.org. Nominations must be received by March 14th. (B. Thysell - 2/1/08)

The Yosemite Training Center has scheduled classes for February. The BLS initial class will be on Feb. 24th, also at Badger Pass. First Aid Classes will be on Feb 9th at Badger Pass and Feb. 21st at The Yosemite Medical Clinic. For more information contact the Medical Clinic at 372-4637.(B. Shoor)

Balanced Rock Offers Free Community Series

Balanced Rock programming will include some elements from the former organization (Wild Women Work Shops) such as all women trips and wilderness trips that include yoga, reflection and creative expression. Balanced Rock is open to all individuals. We have created community programs and hope to expand these as needs arise and change.

Balanced Rock will be offering a three month series of educational opportunities in the fall and spring of each year as a service to the community.

Donations directly support community programming. Please contact us to register. Drop-ins are welcome.

Continuing

Monday Night Yoga Classes

El Portal Elementary School

5:45pm-7:00pm

February: Meditation Classes, facilitated by Eliza Kerr

Dates: 2/13, 2/20, 2/27

Time: 7pm-8pm

Location: 9724 Rocky Road, El Portal

March : Adult Spanish Classes with Xavier Sandoval

Wednesday evenings

Time: 7-8:30 pm

Location: El Portal Elementary School

(please note: this class will continue and expand if there is enough interest)

April: Kid's Yoga classes taught by BRF staff

Dates: Thursdays at pre-school

Time: 10am

Location: pre-school room

Fall

Stay tuned for our *Harvest Series*

For more information:

www.balancedrockfoundation.org

heather@balancedrockfoundation.org

209.379.9453 (B. Fithian - 1/23/08)

Ostrander Ski Hut: There are still spaces available at the Ostrander Lake Ski Hut this winter. To make a reservation call Martijn at (209) 372-0740. Please show your support for the hut and the Yosemite Association and call today!!! (E. Shockley - 1/17/08)

The Upper Merced River Watershed Council invites everyone to attend water quality monitor training on February 9, at the Midpines Community Hall. No experience is necessary and families are welcome. For beginners, the session starts at 8:30 am. Current volunteers should arrive at 10:00 am to join the group for the hands-on session (this is a mandatory review of testing procedures for current volunteers.) New volunteers will join established teams and go to monitoring sites at around noon to conduct the actual quarterly monitoring. We'll provide morning coffee and tea and something to snack on. Bring a lunch, water, and clothing appropriate for the weather. Please contact the watershed office at 966-2221 or watershed@sti.net to RSVP by Tuesday, Feb. 5, or if you have questions. Water quality monitoring is an important part of caring for your watershed – and it's a great reason to spend time at the river! (H. Warner/C. Nielson - 1/31/08)

Vagina Monologues, written by Eve Ensler, is coming back February 15th and 16th to the Yosemite Bug in Midpines. Tickets (\$30) are available now at Mountain Crisis Services (742-5865) or the Bug (966-6666). They are selling fast and this will be our final year so hurry to get yours today. All proceeds benefit Mountain Crisis Services, the local domestic violence and rape crisis agency. (C. Kothari - 2/4/08)

Are you ready for great stories on the weekend of March 7—9, 2008? The Mariposa County Arts Council's 21st Mariposa Storytelling Festival is ready to bring you six of our nation's most talented tellers with tales to treat and treasure. Come listen to their marvelous skills as they transform words into images filled with warmth and laughter. To be held in Mariposa and Yosemite National Park. For more info go to: www.arts-mariposa.org (M. Rudzik - 1/18/08)

Warehouse Assistant - Come join our fun sales team at the Yosemite Association! We are currently recruiting for a Warehouse/Delivery Assistant for regular split-time work. Responsibilities include making deliveries to sales stations and fulfilling internet orders. Must be able to lift 40lbs. Candidates must possess a H.S. diploma and valid CA driver's license. Salary range is \$9.00-\$13.00 an hour. Send a resume and application to Administrative Coordinator, Yosemite Association, PO Box 230, El Portal, CA 95318, or by email to cking@yosemite.org. Request an application by phone at (209) 379-2646, or on our website at www.yosemite.org/aboutya/yajobs.htm. (C. King - 1/30/08)

Sales Information Assistants - Do you like working with people? Do you possess exceptional customer service skills? The Yosemite Association needs you! We are now hiring for seasonal Sales Information Assistants for work in Big Oak Flat, Yosemite Valley, Wawona, and Tuolumne Meadows from May thru October. Duties include retail sales, store maintenance, and information assistance. At least one year of related experience, and a H.S. diploma required. Some college preferred. Candidates must have excellent customer service skills, be able to work flexible hours, and be able to work both independently and with a team. Valid CA Driver's license required. Strong computer skills essential. Knowledge of and interest in Yosemite National Park preferred. Salary range is \$9.00 to \$13.00 DOE. Send a resume and application to Administrative Coordinator, Yosemite Association, PO Box 230, El Portal, CA 95318, or by email to cking@yosemite.org. Request an application by phone at (209) 379-2646, or on our website at www.yosemite.org/aboutya/yajobs.htm. (C. King - 1/29/08)

Join an exciting non-profit organization that supports Yosemite National Park. The Yosemite Association, an educational non-profit, is recruiting for an **Accounting Director**. We are looking for a strong individual to lead our accounting department. This position will oversee and perform the general accounting function for the Association. This will include financial management and fiscal oversight, budget development, preparation of financial statements, A/R, A/P, and general ledger entries. Candidates should have at least five years experience, have knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, financial planning and budgeting, knowledge of computer systems and have excellent analytical skills. Annual salary range is \$41K to \$62K DOE and includes benefits. We will begin screening and interviewing candidates immediately and we will accept resumes until February 1, 2008. To apply, submit an application with resume and cover letter to P.O. Box 230, El Portal, CA 95318 or by e-mail to cking@yosemite.org. Request a full job description and an application by phone (209) 379-2646, by email info@yosemite.org, or on our website at <http://www.yosemite.org/aboutya/yajobs.htm>. (D. Guy, YA, 1/3/08)

SEEKING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN EL PORTAL. Balanced Rock Foundation is a El Portal-based nonprofit seeking a fulltime Executive Director. Balanced Rock offers programs that foster individual, community and environmental wellbeing, and forge a deep connection to the natural world. Compensation is \$45,000 annual salary plus benefits. Applications are due by January 31st. For more information, please email Eliza Kerr at elizakerr3@gmail.com (E. Kerr - 1/2/08)

Acting Designation

Sue Beatty (379-3290) will be acting branch chief for Vegetation and Ecological Restoration on Tues., February 5, 2008. (J. Weaser - 2/5/08)

Bret Meldrum (379-1216) will be Acting Chief of Resources Management and Science on Feb 4 and 5. (N. Nicholas - 2/4/08)

I will be out of the office starting 01/28/2008 and will not return until 02/06/2008. Deron Mills is the acting Fire Chief He can be reached at 209-379-1902 or on his cell at 209-768-6129. (K. Martin - 1/29/08)

From January 13, 2008 until mid-May, Tom Medema will serve as acting Chief of Interpretation and Education while Chris Stein in on a detail to Washington, D.C. working on a "connecting children and nature" project. (C. Stein - 12/31/07)

The Monday and online editions of The Daily Report continue as the long version. The Tuesday - Friday email version will be shortened to include only new and "happening today" information. Please plan your submittals accordingly. To view the long version please visit <http://www.yose.nps.gov/yosenet/intp/daily.htm> (intranet) or <http://www.nps.gov/yose/parknews/upload/daily.pdf> (internet).

We cut and paste submissions and generally do not correct submitted copy. Entries must be in by 7:00am the day of publication. There are no weekend or holiday editions. Submissions: email yose_daily_report@nps.gov

Yosemite's *Daily Report* is an internal memorandum of long standing intended to provide timely administrative information needed for daily park operations. The primary purpose of the report is to serve as a communication tool for park management to pass specific operational information to field employees of Yosemite National Park, park partners, concessioners, and related government agencies in a fast and efficient manner and offer a format for interdivisional, interagency, and general intra-park notifications. Although the *Daily Report* is intended exclusively as an internal memorandum, it is posted here in an effort to extend timely operational information to the communities surrounding the park. Content in the the *Daily Report* is compiled from numerous sources and, in the interest of expediency, appears unedited.

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